

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Examination by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

Amendment.

the date of acquiring same. After a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of acquiring the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 4. Elmer J. Cook, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such bridge, file with the Secretary of War, and with the highway department of the State of Maryland, a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, and at the request of the highway department of the State of Maryland shall, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed, and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs so filed, and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge; for the purpose of such investigation the said Elmer J. Cook, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns shall make available all records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the construction, financing, and promotion of the bridge shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 2 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Elmer J. Cook, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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**CHAP. 728.**—An Act To authorize the leasing of public lands for use as public aviation fields.

Public lands.  
Leases of, for public airports authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, to lease for use as a public airport any contiguous public lands, unreserved and unappropriated, not to exceed six hundred and forty acres in area, subject to valid rights in such lands under the public land laws.

Term of lease.

SEC. 2. Any lease under this Act shall be for a period not to exceed twenty years, subject to renewal for like periods upon agreement of the Secretary of the Interior and the lessee. Any such lease shall be subject to the following conditions:

Conditions.

(a) That an annual rental of such sum as the Secretary of the Interior may fix for the use of the lands, shall be paid to the United States.

Annual rental.

(b) That the lessee shall maintain the lands in such condition, and provide for the furnishing of such facilities, service, fuel, and other supplies, as are necessary to make the lands available for public use as an airport of a rating which may be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce.

Maintenance, facilities, etc.

(c) That the lessee shall make reasonable regulations to govern the use of the airport, but such regulations shall take effect only upon approval by the Secretary of Commerce.

Regulations to govern use.

(d) That all departments and agencies of the United States operating aircraft (1) shall have free and unrestricted use of the airport, and (2) with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall have the right to erect and install therein such structures and improvements as the heads of such departments and agencies deem advisable, including facilities for maintaining supplies of fuel, oil, and other materials for operating aircraft.

Unrestricted use, etc., by Federal aircraft agencies.

(e) That whenever the President may deem it necessary for military purposes, the Secretary of War may assume full control of the airport.

Full control for military purposes if necessary.

SEC. 3. With the consent of the lessee, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cancel any lease of public lands for use as public aviation fields or airports, made under law in force upon the date of the approval of this Act, and to lease such lands to the lessee upon the conditions prescribed by this Act.

Cancelling present leases, and issuing new ones under this Act, authorized.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion and under such rules as he may prescribe, to grant permission for the establishment of beacon lights and other air-navigation facilities, except terminal airports, upon tracts of unreserved and unappropriated public lands of the United States of appropriate size, and may withdraw the lands for such purposes.

Discretionary permission for beacon lights, etc., on unreserved public lands.

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**CHAP. 729.**—An Act Authorizing The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River near Randolph, Missouri.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near a point approximately one mile southeast of Randolph, Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Missouri River.  
Kansas City Southern Railway Company may bridge, at Randolph, Mo.

Construction.

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SEC. 2. The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate such bridge and the necessary approaches thereto as a railroad bridge for the passage of railway trains or street cars, or both, or as a highway bridge for the passage of pedestrians, animals, and vehicles, adapted to travel on public highways, or as a combined railroad and highway bridge for all such purposes; and there is hereby conferred upon the said The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands

Character of bridge.

Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, approaches, etc.